

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.: 10/661,349 Group Art Unit: 1724
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For: HIGH RATE FILTRATION SYSTEM

Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

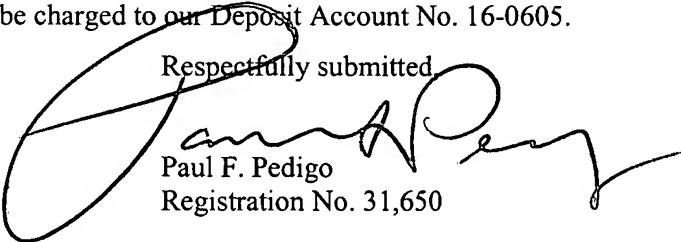
**PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) FOR SUBMITTING MISSING PARTS**

Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a **ONE** month extension of time for submitting the Declaration and Surcharge (listed in the Notice to File Missing Parts) for the above-identified application. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) is dated January 15, 2004. Applicant is given two months from the date of said Notice within which to file the missing parts (i.e., March 15, 2004). This Petition thus requests that the due date for the missing parts be extended to April 15, 2004.

The required fee of \$55.00 [37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(one month)] is enclosed; any additional fee or refund associated with this Petition may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

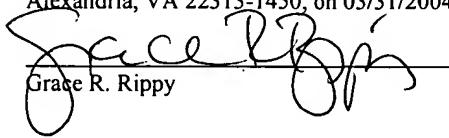
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